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Rowe Did Not Hold Up The Fountain

White Game Keepers Framed Up To "Job" Youth Who Won Pot In Game of Chance

Public Sentiment Turns In Favor of the Young Negro Who Is Still at Large

Detective Rice Improves

That Douglas Rowe, the negro porter at the Fountain Drug store who last Monday morning shot Detective Ed Rice, did not hold up the gambling den but won the money, \$800.00 in a game Sunday night, is the latest rumor afloat on the streets of Tulsa.

The citizens of Tulsa and vicinity were startled early Monday morning by the report that Rowe had held up the night clerk at the Fountain Drug Store where he worked at the point of a gun and got away with \$800.00 afterwards shooting and fatally wounding Ed Rice, who, with Deputy Cleaver, had gone out to intercept him. Poses were hastily organized and sent out in all directions looking for the alleged gunman and had he been found no doubt would have been killed outright as it had gone out that he was a dangerous man, heavily armed and would not be taken alive. Thus the career of a young negro who the newspapers had pictured as a desperado would have been ended and the newspapers would have heralded it to the world that a bad negro highwayman and murderer had met a richly deserved fate.

But late developments in the case tends to show that Rowe has been the victim of a base conspiracy which may yet result in the death of an officer.

It is claimed now that Rowe had frequently engaged in the games which were run in the basement of the drug store and time and time again had lost all of his earnings there. Sunday night or Monday morning, however, he won and continued to win until he had won all the money of the "house." He then went home, the story goes, and went to bed. This was between 2 and 3 o'clock a. m. About 4 o'clock Officers Rice and Cleaver, it was reported in The Sun, went to his home and demanded him to come out. This he refused to do and it is said the officers fired into the house and Rowe came out firing at the officers as he ran. Detective Rice fell short through the abdomen and Rowe made his escape.

The keepers of the gambling den had "framed up" to cry "hold up" and have Rowe arrested and frightened into returning the money. Accordingly they notified the police it is said that the negro porter took the money at the point of a six-shooter, and Detective Rice was detailed to make the arrest. Rice, it is supposed, solicited the service of Deputy Barney Cleaver and went after Rowe with the results stated above.

Barney Cleaver has always borne a splendid record as an of-

ficer and those who know him best will hesitate to associate him with such a low, base conspiracy as was printed in the "Sun" on Wednesday evening.

That Barney Cleaver did not fire into the house of Rowe is the positive statement of Patrolman Jake Dillard, who says he heard every shot fired and rushing to the scene, met Deputy Cleaver, who told him that Rice was wounded. Cleaver started to call the ambulance but left this for Dillard to do while he and Officer Chandler continued to chase Rowe.

Officer Rice was taken to the P. and S. hospital where he still remains with improved chances for his recovery. Chief Burns did everything in his power to capture the fugitive but to no avail.

It was reported Monday about noon that a posse had Rowe surrounded about three miles south of the city and the editor of this paper himself mounted a horse and went to the scene. Arriving there he found five men, three officers and two citizens, and they had become weary of the task and soon returned to town in their auto. Rowe is still at large but his father has offered to find him and bring him to justice.

If Rowe really won the money as it is rumored, then the parties who reported it to the police as a holdup are responsible for all of this trouble and should be severely dealt with.

The latest report is that Rowe has offered to surrender to Chief Burns, but positively to no one else.

Colored Girl In Custody of Police

Elizabeth Anderson, a 14-year-old colored girl is being held by the police of this city, awaiting the action of Judge Clark, who seems puzzled as to what to do with her. The girl is said to be an inveterate morphine user and admits that she has been using it for two years. She was arrested Wednesday with Wm. Pringle and his wife, with whom she lived in a box car northeast of the city. The girl's arms is a solid mass of scars caused by using a hypodermic needle. As the state of Oklahoma has provided no reformatory for the wayward colored youths this girl will probably be sent to the state school for colored blind and orphan children at Taft where it is customary to send the criminally inclined boys and girls to associate with the other children there.

Notice

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However, if you will go to the Post Office and as for THE TULSA STAR and it is not delivered to you and you will notify us of the fact we will see to it that matters are satisfactorily adjusted.

EDITOR.

New Bishops Elected

St. Louis, May 20.—Two new bishops were elected by the general conference of the colored Methodist Episcopal church in quadrennial session here today. Rev. R. A. Carter presiding elder of the Atlanta district, and Rev. N. C. Cleaves of Columbia, S. C., were the men made bishops. Bishop Cleaves was elected from the pastorate, never having held office in the church. The two men will replace Bishop Stewart, who was retired. Rev. J. C. Martin of Memphis was elected treasurer of the church. Rev. A. R. Calhoun of Pine Bluff, Ark., was named general secretary of the Epworth League. The conference also created a board of education to assume supervision of the fourteen schools controlled by the church. Rev. J. A. Bray, former president of the Lane college at Jackson, Tenn., and Miles college at Birmingham, Ala., was chosen secretary of the college.

NATIONAL BUSINESS LEAGUE MEETING.

Within a few weeks the National League of Negro Business Men will meet in Muskogee. Every man, woman and youth in the state stands ready to do his part to help make the meeting a success but the affair is sadly in need of publicity—the right kind of proper organization and proper publicity the Muskogee meeting would be a grand event. Some one, who knows how, should get busy.

COLORED NURSES GRADUATE AT K. C.

General Hospital Training School To Hold First Commencement Next Week

WINNING OF A GIRL AT DICE BRINGS ON A GREAT RACE WAR

Sixty-Four Negroes and Over 100 Indians Reported Dead in Guatemala.

AMERICAN NEGRO WINS DAUGHTER OF INDIAN

Refuses to Sell Her to Native—She
Is Carved up by Unsuccessful
Suitor—Negro Kills Three
and War Opens.

NEW ORLEANS, May 20.—The United Fruit company today was using its wireless in an effort to confirm a strange story of a race riot reported by mail to have occurred on one of its plantations in Guatemala, in which, it is reported, sixty-four negroes and probably a hundred Indians were killed.

Smouldering race hatred of the native Indians for negroes inflamed by one of the negroes, an American, winning the Indian girl Nazada, from her father at dice and his refusal to sell her back to a native is reported to be the cause of the trouble.

The negro, Clarence Williams, had been working on the Teuachana farm, one of a long string of plantations the United Fruit company operates in the Montague river district. He had incurred the hatred of many of the Indians because of his prowess with the dice. In a game recently in which was Nazada's father, he won all the peon's money, and then in true Guatemalan fashion the old man wagered his daughter. He lost. As is customary among these Indians, the girl did not object to her part of the transaction and was taken to the shanty of the American negro.

As the story goes, Christoforo Zurello, a half-breed boss of a neighboring farm, had wanted Nazada for his son and was incensed when he learned that she had become the property of the negro. According to Guatemalan Indian custom the father of the girl was eliminated from the matter by his unsuccessful cast of the dice, so Zurello entered into negotiations with the negro. He offered him thirty pesos for the girl. The negro refused.

Soon after Williams left for his work, Saturday, May 9, three men appeared at the shanty. It is said they were Zurello, a peon named Pedro, and a halfbreed.

Williams had occasion to go to the shanty a few hours later. Tied to a tree nearby was his Indian girl, horribly mutilated with knives. Just before she died she told him who had committed the crime. Arming himself Williams began a search for Zurello, found him and shot him to death. Then he killed Pedro and later the same day the halfbreed.

All during the night there was fighting between the negroes and the Indians, all of whom, it seemed, had aligned themselves with other members of their race.

Religious services were held in a little church as usual the next morning. When the Indians came from the church the negroes were enmassed nearby and opened fire on them. In this fight Williams and twelve of his followers were killed. Many Indians were slain. Fighting was kept up for many days, and, according to the story reaching here, the bodies of sixty-four negroes were found. Just how many Indians were killed probably will never be known, as they remove and hide their dead as quickly as possible.

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(Special to the Tulsa Star.)
Kansas City, Mo., May 22.—The first annual commencement of the General Hospital Training School for Colored Nurses will be held at Allen Chapel, this city, Sunday and Monday, May 24 and 25, with three graduates as follows:

Mayme Branch Vaughn, Moberly, Mo.; Bertha Corrine Hanna, Boonville, Mo.; Marie Vickers, Springfield, Mo.

A very interesting program has been arranged for the exercises and a very large crowd is now anticipated.

Rev. Samuel W. Bacote, D. D., will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday and Rev. H. T. Kealing, president of the Western University, will deliver the commencement address Monday. This branch of the General Hospital is under the direct supervision of Dr. W. J. Thompson, of this city, who for a number of years has been assistant city physician here.

The combined choruses of the Western University and Allen Chapel will furnish music for the occasion.

NEGRO OIL AND GAS COMPANY.

A representative of the Adams Oil and Gas company of Washington, D. C., is touring the state, in the interest of that company which is composed of some wealthy negroes of the East. Their first well in the Haldton field is drilling at about 600 feet with strong indications for a good strike and is due to come in soon. This company has three tracts in that section of the state and plenty of money on hand to finish their first well. P. R. Price and H. R. Edwards of Muskogee, attorneys, are among the directors living in this section.

Elliott Will Open Store

The East end will soon have an up-to-date Men's Furnishing store which will be formally opened in one room facing Greenwood street in the new Woods building just as soon as it is completed and ready for occupancy. T. J. Elliott, of Muskogee, one of the leading merchants of the state, president of the State Negro Business League has rented the room and will stock up with at least \$8,000 worth of the very latest in his line.

Rev. T. W. Kidd, a popular citizen of Tulsa, who was until recently presiding elder of the Tulsa district, has taken up his residence at Muskogee, headquarters for his new field of work where he was transferred last month.